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APRIL 23. 4 PM

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DECISION TO ENTER PHASE I OF E AND E POSSIBLE IN NEAR FUTURE.

REQUEST NECESSARY AIRCRAFT BE PLACED ON ALERT AND FOLLOWING
INFORMATION ON AIR EVACUATION USING USAF FACILITIES BE PROVIDED
FOR OUR PLANNING PURPOSES:

1) LAPSE TIME IN HOURS FROM REQUEST FOR AIRLIFT TO ARRIVAL
VIENTIANE?

2) CAPACITY OF PLANES AND NUMBER AVAILABLE IF TIMETABLE MUST BE
COMPRESSED. (ESTIMATE UP TO 1000 DEPENDENTS; 400 PLUS AMERICAN,
100 PLUS BRIT/AUSTRALIAN AND UN DEPENDENTS, AND 400 PLUS TCN)
REQUEST KNOWLEDGE THIS ACTION BE HELD ON STRICT NEED TO KNOW BASIS.

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SAIGON 254 FROM VIENTIANE APRIL 23, 1:00 PM.

CINC PAC FOR POLAD

GENERALS SIHO AND KOU PRASITH EMERGED FROM MINDEFENSE FOLLOWING
THREE HOUR MEETING WITH FAR GENERALS. FOUR SOUTHERN GENERALS
ARRIVED FROM SAVANNAKHET AT 7:00 AM AFTER HAVINHWMET THERE
YESTERDAY. NORTHERN GENERALS ARRIVED TWO DAYS AGO. COL
BOUNLEUT TOLD PRESS OFFICER AIRPORT YESTERDAY PHOUMI ISSUED

ORDERS TO REGIONAL GENERALS TO ACCEPT INVITATION OF REVO-
LUTIONARY COMMITTEE TO COME VIENTIANE TO MEET WITH THEM.

GENERAL AMKHA HAD ALSO BEEN INVITED AS OBSERVER. KOU PRASITH
ANNOUNCED TO ASSEMBLED NEWSMEN THAT REGIONAL GENERALS WERE
"UNANIMOUSLY" BEHIND REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE. PRESS ASKED
IF GENERALS WOULD PERMIT GROUP PHOTOGRAPH AND KOU PRASITH
GOT THEIR APPROVAL (SIHO TOOK CENTER POSITION) AMKHA ALSO
PUT IN PHOTO.

SIHO TOLD PRESS HE WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH FIRST MEETING
BECAUSE IT DEMONSTRATED THE "UNITY AND SOLIDARITY" OF FAR
GENERALS BEHIND THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE. HE SAID THEY
HAD DISCUSSED MILITARY MATTERS AND THAT THEY HAD NOT DECIDED
ON THE POLICY THEY PLANNED TO TAKE TOWARD SOUVANNA'S COALITION
GOVT. HE SAID THEY WOULD MEET AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS
"POLITICAL PROPOSALS" WHICH THEY PLAN TO PUT TO SOU.,--.

AMKHA AND SIHO THEN RODE OFF TOGETHER, AMKHA WEARING WHITE
BADGE OF REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE.

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THEY ALSO PROMISED TO MEET PRESS AT 5 THIS AFTERNOON.

COMMENT: THIS IS DISTURBING DEVELOPMENT BUT NOT DECISIVE
IN ITSELF. PARTICULARLY IN VIEW HQETING'S HAVING BEEN
DESCRIBED AS MEETING ON MILITARY MATTERS AND WORD THAT THERE
WOULD BE SUBSEQUENT MEETING ON POLITICAL MATTERS, ETC. LEAVES
POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION THAT THIS IS INVOLVED, STEP-BY-STEP
PROCESS FOR WORKING REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE OUT OF CONTROL
IN UNIQUELY LAOTIAN MANNER. NEVERTHELESS I AM DISTURBED
ABOUT POSSIBLE PHOUMI DOUBLECROSS (SEE UDOR0158) OR MUTINY
OF FAR GENERALS (PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF SIHO-KOUPRASITH
APPEALS TO THEM RE PHOUMI CORRUPTION, SOUVANNA WEAKNESS,
ETC) AND I AM SEEKING PHOUMI'S EXPLANATION ASAP AND CAS
AND ARMA ARE ABROAD SEEKING CONFIRMATION AND INTERPRETATION
FROM MILITARY AND OTHERS.

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AMBASSADOR-CHARGE GROUP HAS JUST SEEN GEN PHOUMI WHO EXPLAINED THAT ON HIS RETURN FROM LUANG PRABANG HE CONVEYED TO REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE POSITION OF HIS MAJESTY CONCERNING GOVERNMENT NATIONAL UNION, CONSTITUTION, GENEVA ACCORDS, ETC AND CONTINUED URGING THEM RETURN AUTHORITY TO LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT. PHOUMI PRESUMABLY WITH THOUGHT OF SAVING FACE COUP LEADERS DISCUSSED VARIOUS MEANS BY WHICH THEY MIGHT REGISTER THEIR COMPLAINTS (SOME OF THEM CERTAINLY LEGITIMATE) WITH CABINET AND HE HAS APPARENTLY ALSO INDICATED AT LEAST TO SIHO AND PERHAPS OTHERS THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND AMNESTY TO HIS MAJESTY FOR ALL THOSE RESPONSIBLE. PHOUMI WAS SERIOUS AND NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUTCOME, INDICATING HE WAS BENDING ALL EFFORTS TO AVOID BLOODSHED BUT WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOUNG HOTHEADS WHO MIGHT TAKE MATTERS IN THEIR OWN HANDS EVEN IF SIHO AND KOU PRASITH (HE REGARDS LATTER AS NOW A NEGLIGIBLE INFLUENCE) WERE DISPOSED TAKE RELATIVELY MODERATE LINE. PHOUMI BLAMES COUP AND CONTINUING IMPASSE ON "POLITICIANS" AND BEFORE ALL OF OUR GROUP HAD ARRIVED NAMED TO ME OUN SANANIKONE AND INPENG SURYADHAY. HE SUGGESTED WE WORK ON THEM. WHEN I ASKED WHETHER IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR US TAKE OTHER MEASURES (I WAS THINKING OF EMBTELS 1163 AND 1169) TO MAKE OUR POSITION CRYSTAL CLEAR PHOUMI DISCOURAGED THIS, SAYING IT MIGHT HAVE EFFECT OF GOADING HOTHEADS INTO EXTREME ACTIONS. IN SUM HIS ADVISE FOR MOMENT WAS TO GIVE HIM AND HIS PEOPLE TIME TO WORK OUT SETTLEMENT. WITH REFERENCE MEETING OF FAR GENERALS WITH REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, PHOUMI SAID THIS MAY BE CRUCIAL. HE TOLD ME BEFORE OTHERS ARRIVED THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION THAT REGIONAL FAR GENERALS PROVIDE MODERATING INFLUENCE ON

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YOUNG ACTIVITIES; NEVERTHELESS WHEN OUR ENTIRE GROUP WAS PRESENT
AND AFANASSIEV INQUIRED ABOUT REGIONAL GENERALS AND WHETHER
THEIR COMING TO THE MEETING WITH REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE MEANT
THEY HAD RALLIED TO LATTER, PHOUMI REPLIED AMBIGUOUSLY THAT WE
WILL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT ARE RESULTS OF MEETING.

(I AM AT LOSS TO INTERPRET THIS). HE SEEMED TO DISMISS
"NATIONAL" ARMY IDEA SINCE HE GATHERED IT MEANS COMBINING
ALL FORCES INTO FAR-DOMINATED ARMY WHETHER OTHERS WILLING OR NOT.

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